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PART III.

Legislative Measures and Rules thereunder.

NOTIFICATION.

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In exercise of the powers vested in them under Section 8 (1) of the Mysore Representative Assembly Regulation XVIII of 1923, the Government of His Highness the Maharaja are pleased to make the following standing orders for the conduct of business and procedure to be followed in the Representative Assembly:—

PART I.

STANDING ORDERS.

1. Definitions.—

- (1) "Assembly" means the Mysore Representative Assembly.
- (2) "Budget" means the statement of the estimated annual revenue and expenditure of the Mysore State.
- (3) "Council" means the Legislative Council of Mysore.
- (4) "Gazette" means the *Mysore Gazette*.
- (5) "Session" means a Session of the Representative Assembly.
- (6) "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Representative Assembly and includes any person who may be appointed by the Government to perform all or any of the functions and duties of the Secretary.
- (7) "Member" means a member of the Representative Assembly.

PART II.

MEETINGS OF THE ASSEMBLY.

2. *Notice of Meetings.*—The Government shall cause a notification of the date, time and place of meeting of every Session to be published in the *Mysore Gazette* at least two weeks before the day fixed for the Darsan and Budget Sessions and ten days in the case of any other Session and shall cause to be sent to each member a summons to attend the meeting.

3. *Language of the Assembly.*—The language of discussion in the Assembly shall ordinarily be Kannada; but members may also speak in English or Hindustani, or with the permission of the President, in any other recognised vernacular of the State.

4. *Visitors.*—Visitors will be admitted to the place of meeting of the Assembly on the production of tickets to be issued under the directions of the President. They will sit in the places allotted to them. The President may direct a visitor to withdraw for interruption of the proceedings or indecorous behaviour. The President may also, at his discretion, direct the withdrawal of all visitors.

PART III.

MOTIONS GENERALLY.

5. After the member who moves has spoken, other members who wish to speak to the motion may do so in such order as the President may decide upon. If any such member does not speak, when he is called upon to do so he shall not be entitled, except by the permission of the President, to speak to the motion at any later stage of the debate.

6. Except in the exercise of a right of reply or as otherwise provided by rules, no member shall speak more than once, except with the permission of the President, for the purpose of making a personal explanation but in that case no debatable matter may be brought forward.

7. A member who has moved a motion may speak again by way of reply and the Member of the Council of His Highness the Maharaja who is in charge of the Department to which the matter relates shall have the right to speak whether he has previously spoken or not after the mover has replied. It will also be open to such Member of the Council to authorise any of the officers of Government deputed to attend the Assembly to speak on his behalf.

8. The President may in all cases address the Assembly before putting a question to vote.

9. Votes may be taken by voices or division, and shall be taken by division if any member so desires. The President shall determine the method of taking votes by division.

10. The result of a division shall be announced by the President and shall not be challenged.

PART IV.

ADJOURNMENT FOR PURPOSES OF DEBATE.

11. The debate on a motion to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, if not earlier concluded, shall automatically terminate at 6-30 p.m. and thereafter no question can be put.

12. No speech during the debate shall exceed fifteen minutes in duration provided that it shall be within the discretion of the President to allow the mover and the Member of the Council of His Highness the Maharaja answering him to exceed the said limit of time.

PART V.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES.

13. Any member who desires to propose an amendment to the general principles of any Legislative Measures shall send notice of his intention to do so to the Secretary three days before the meeting of the Assembly.

PART VI.

INTERPELLATIONS.

14. The Secretary shall call the name of each interpellator in order, specify the serial number of his questions, and make a sufficient pause to allow him or any other member a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place if he is desirous of asking a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.

PART VII.

DISCUSSION OF REPRESENTATIONS.

15. In the discussion of subjects coming before the Assembly for consideration, members shall address the President from their seats.

16. Every subject will first be introduced and explained by the member or one of the members against whose name it stands in the printed list of subjects. Any other member who wishes to speak on the subject may do so but no member shall speak twice on the same subject unless he applies for and obtains the previous approval of the President before he begins to speak on the second occasion.

17. The discussion will be confined to the subject which at the time is directly before the Assembly.

18. Whenever in the opinion of the President a subject has been fully discussed, he may close all further discussion.

19. The member introducing the subject will have the right of reply unless the discussion has been previously closed by the President.

20. Members may read their speeches and may also read as part thereof passages from books or papers bearing upon the question under discussion.

21. Discussion shall be confined to subjects included in the agenda supplied to members by Government.

22. Subjects shall ordinarily be taken up for discussion in the order in which they are printed. But the President may, at any time, take up for discussion any particular subject which he deems is urgent or important.

23. No speaker shall be allowed to speak for longer than 10 minutes unless he applies for and obtains the previous approval of the President.

24. The time allowed for the consideration of any subject shall ordinarily be limited to 30 minutes.

25. The President may extend the time limit of a speech or the time allowed for the discussion of a representation.

26. The President, after having called the attention of the Assembly to the conduct of a member who persists in irrelevance or in tedious repetition either of his own arguments or of the arguments used by other members in debate, may direct him to discontinue his speech.

PART VIII.

AMENDMENT OF STANDING ORDERS.

27. Unless the President otherwise directs, not less than 15 days notice of a motion for leave to amend the Standing Orders shall be given, and the notice shall be accompanied by a draft of the proposed amendment.

28. The motion shall be set down for such day as the President may direct.

29. When the motion is reached, the President shall read the draft amendments and ask whether the member has the leave of the Assembly. If objection is taken, the President shall request those members who support the motion to raise in their place and if more than half the total number of members rise accordingly, the President shall intimate that the member has the leave of the Assembly.

30. Where a member has the leave of the Assembly to proceed, the draft amendments shall be referred to a Special Committee of which one of the Members of the Council of His Highness the Maharaja shall be Chairman, and the Government Advocate a Member. The Special Committee members shall be nine in number and shall be elected by the Assembly in such manner as the President may determine.

31. After a draft has been referred to a Special Committee, the procedure in regard to Bills committed to the Select Committees of the Legislative Council shall, as far as may be, be followed with such necessary alterations as the President may direct.

PART IX.

Duties of the Secretary.

32. The Secretary shall be bound to perform the following duties in addition to those specified in the Standing Orders;—

- (1) to take charge of the records of the Assembly;
- (2) to attend all meetings and to maintain a correct record of the proceedings;
- (3) to communicate the resolutions of the Assembly on the State Budget to the Secretary to the Legislative Council and all other resolutions to Government in the Departments concerned;
- (4) to superintend the printing of all papers ordered to be printed;
- (5) to carry on correspondence under the orders of the Assembly; and
- (6) to generally assist the Assembly.

PART X.

General.

33. The Assembly may on a motion and at any time suspend the operation of any of the Standing Orders.

By order,

B. NAGAPPA,

Secretary to Government,

Local and Legislative Departments.